FAQs: The Three Rs, Recounts, Recalls and Referenda

- Q: Who enters school district referenda contests?
- A: The Commission enters all special elections in WisVote.
- Q: Did you say counties and towns are not subject to the direct legislation process?
- A: Yes, only cities and villages.
- Q: is the October 2016 recount information in the manual the most updated information?
- A: The manual was updated in August 2018 and is available on the WEC website.
- Q: Can someone appeal the recount results? Or request a second recount for the same election?
- A: The results can be appealed in circuit court.
- Q: If you are trying to collect signatures to put forth a statewide referendum, do you need a specific number of signers from different municipalities, or do you just need signers, and not worry where they live?
- A: Individuals cannot petition for a statewide referendum. Only the state legislature can place a referendum on a ballot.
- Q: 60 days to circulate petition is that 60 business days or actual days? Thank you.
- A: Calendar days. If the 60-day window ends on a holiday it extends to the next day.
- Q: Did I understand that correctly, a signer on a recall petition does not have to be a resident of Wisconsin?
- A: The signer of the petition must be a qualified elector of the recall district, such as the state, congressional district, municipality, etc. The circulator of the does not have to be a resident of the state if they are otherwise qualified to vote in Wisconsin.
- Q: Been trying to get into Election Security Awareness without success. I have been using my username and password to get in to WisVote. Are there different username passwords I am to use?

A: Yes, you must be issued a username and password for the WEC Learning Center. Please contact the Help Desk: elections@wi.gov.